



Reply to the Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Dr Carter

I refer to your e-mail of 27 February 2001 in which you sought clarification regarding variations to the appropriations for Customs Outputs 1.1 to 1.5 in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES). An explanation of the variations to the five outputs is as follows:

- **Output 1.1.** The appropriation increased by \$10.457m. The major components of this increase are:
 - a remapping of Marine activity from Output 1.3 (\$10m),
 - storage of handguns (\$0.384m),
 - the parameter adjustment and Comcover (\$0.338m), and
 - interest clawback (-\$0.265m).
- **Output 1.2.** The appropriation increased by \$0.073m. The major components of this increase are:
 - the parameter adjustment and Comcover (\$0.337m), and
 - interest clawback (-\$0.265m).
- **Output 1.3.** The appropriation decreased by \$14.595m. The major components of this decrease are:
 - a remapping of Marine activity to Output 1.1 (-\$10m),
 - a shift in funding for the Marine fleet (-\$4.668m),
 - parameter adjustment and Comcover (\$0.338m), and
 - interest clawback (-\$0.265m).
- **Output 1.4.** The appropriation increased by \$1.048m. The major components of this increase are:
 - Business Franchise Fee (0.975m),

- parameter adjustment and Comcover (\$0.338m), and
 - interest clawback (-\$0.265m).
- **Output 1.5.** The appropriation increased by \$0.337m. The major component of this increase is the parameter adjustment and Comcover (0.337m).

Further amplification of these issues is contained in the notes at page 175 of the PAES.

Finally, as you have noted, Coastwatch is currently planning to fly 19750 hours this financial year. This figure is broken down as follows:

- BN2B Islander 7300
- Reims 406 3200
- Dash 8 7995
- Bell 206 751
- Bell 412EP 504

Please note that I have no objection to this information being released to the JCPAA web-site.

Yours sincerely,

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